

DISPOSITION FORM

FROM: Support Branch

TO: Chief, Central Planning Staff

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REFERENCES: Disposition of FEA Reports on Political, Economic and Related Matters.

REMARKS:

1. In October 1945, President Truman by executive order abolished the Foreign Economic Administration and transferred its personnel, files and records to the Department of State. Under the provisions of the executive order, the remnants of the Foreign Economic Administration were to be liquidated by 30 June 1946. At the present time the affairs of FEA are being administered by Mr. H. Bowen Smith, Chief of the Interim Research and Planning Section, Office of Economic Security Policy, Department of State.

2. Approximately 3100 FEA reports on economic subjects are in the custody of Mr. Smith. These reports were prepared by the FEA and its predecessor, the Bureau of Economic Warfare. As no personnel will be available after 30 June 1946 these reports will be relegated to dead storage after that date. The question of the disposition of these files was brought to Mr. [REDACTED] attention by Mr. Smith. 25X1A9a

3. The Office of Intelligence Collection and Dissemination (IAD), which is under the supervision of the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence, has requested Mr. Bowen Smith for two complete sets of these reports. It is their plan to file these reports both under a subject heading and under a FEA heading.

4. An inquiry was made of the Library Branch, Office of the Director of Intelligence, War Department, as to whether that branch possessed a complete set of these reports. It was reported that a complete set was not available and that a set would be desired. Miss Monica Keck, REpublic 6700, Extension 3128, made this request.


5. No inquiry was made of A-2 or ONI as to whether or not they possessed these FEA reports or desired copies for their files.

6. For the use of the Information Branch, a complete list of all FEA reports is attached. This list was furnished Mr. [REDACTED] by Mr. Smith. 25X1A9a

7. It is recommended that the Information Branch:

- a. Consider the problem of the disposition of these files.
- b. Advise responsible personnel in A-2, ONI, Director of Intelligence, War Department, that these reports are available prior to 30 June 1946 should they be interested in securing copies for their files.
- c. Determine whether a central file of such reports should be secured for CIG use (Central Reports Staff).

d. Advise Mr. Bowen Smith, REpublic 7500, Extension 4659, or his assistant, Miss Constance Gaynor, of the action taken with respect to these files.

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/s/ 
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